

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to cooling compositions ~~comprising~~ having a cooling agent (preferably menthyl lactate) together with an ester derivative (preferably tri-ethyl citrate). Such compositions deliver immediate and long lasting freshness sensation, while maintaining or even improving skin and/or mucosal membrane health to which they are contacted and deodorizing said skin and/or mucosal membrane.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, lines 16-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention is preferably directed to hygienic disposable articles like bandages, thermal pads, acne pads, cold pads, wrist cooler, compresses, surgical pads/wound dressings, protective bedding covers, protective clothing, gloves, socks, pillow covers, protective face masks, ornamental/fashionable articles or eye wear, ~~prothesis~~ prosthesis, plasters, wraps, hearing aids and the like; hygienic disposable articles for absorbing perspiration such as perspiration pads, underarm sweat pads, shoe insoles, shirt inserts, sporting clothes, cap inside liner and the like; hygienic disposable articles for animals like litters or animal waste management devices as well as hygienic disposable absorbent articles for use by babies and adults like panty liners, feminine napkins, incontinent pads, diapers, tampons, interlabial pads, dry or wet wipes, breast pads, human waste management devices and the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at pages 13, line 31 and ending at page 14, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Typical values for R' and R" when aliphatic are methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, isobutyl, n-decyl, cyclopropyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, cycloheptylmethyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxy-n-propyl, 6-hydroxy-n-hexyl, 2-aminoethyl, 2-acetoxyethyl, 2-ethylcarboxyethyl, ~~4-hydroxybut-2-ynyl~~ 4-hydroxy-2-butylnyl, carboxymethyl etc. When R" is aryl typical values are benzyl, naphthyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-hydroxyphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 4-nitrophenyl, 2-hydroxynaphthyl, pyridyl, etc.